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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action dated June 18, 2009, for which a response is due September 18, 2009. A three month extension of time is hereby requested for this filing, extending the due date to and including December 18, 2009. Filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Please consider the remarks as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.